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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-18717, which was published on January 19, 1996. Applicant also submits herewith patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,767,985 to YAMAMOTO et al., which issued on June 16, 1998;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-326244, which was published on December 8, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-115532, which was published on May 2, 1995, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-168498, which was published on June 22, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

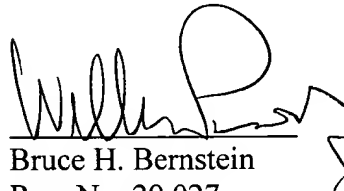
The relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the Japanese claims are set forth in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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